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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Gorge Networks fills a need in telecommunication in my area and I wouldn't get the same speed, customer service, or price if this service were to go away. I live in a rural community and see competitive local broadband providers as critical.

Competitive pressure drives quality up and price down and I am the benefactor of that. Gorge Networks was the first to offer DSL in the Gorge NOT United Telephone (the incumbent at the time). As customers were switched from dialup to DSL, the incumbent invested in their infrastructure to do the same. Gorge Networks continues to push others to increase speed and reliability, and they are held accountable to provide quality customer service. Competition is good for me as a consumer!

Gorge Networks fills a need in telecommunication in my area and I don't believe that I would get the same quality customer service should I be forced to use cable or the local telephone company for my internet service.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Janet Schiering